

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
AVOCADO INSPECTION COMMITTEE (AIC)
Meeting Minutes
Telephone Conference
October 26, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ross Wileman, Chairman
Carlos Vasquez
Roger Essick
Rob Wedin
Mark Wollam
John Lamb
Reuben Hofshi, Alternate
Bob Bednar, Alternate

AVOCADO INSPECTION PROGRAM

Donella Boreham (CDFA)
Jim Covey (AIP)

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

Chairman Ross Wileman called the Telephone Conference meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

ITEM 2: APPROVAL May 18, 2005 MEETING MINUTES

A copy of the May 18, 2005 meeting minutes is attached to these minutes and is identified as EXHIBIT A.

MOTION: John Lamb moved to approve the minutes with the corrections of "Regarding Hass, results from the Hass maturity project suggest that the minimum dry matter for Hass could be raised to approximately 22.8%" should read Regarding Hass, the committee felt that the next step is to have Dr. Arpaia review the three independent studies and their methods, and report back to the Avocado Inspection Committee (AIC) at the next meeting in the fall. Carlos Vasquez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3: AVOCADO INSPECTION PROGRAM BUDGET 2005/2006

Donella Boreham presented members with the proposed budget of \$527,130 for the (2005/2006) crop year beginning November 1, 2005. The Proposed budget is based on a fee of 13 cents per hundredweight. The total budget for the year (including CDFA Budget of \$149,961 approved May 18, 2005) will be \$677,091.

MOTION: Rob Wedin moved to approve the 2005/2006 Avocado Inspection Program budget in the amount of \$527,130. Carlos Vasquez seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

A copy of the Avocado Inspection Program Budget is attached to these Minutes and identified as EXHIBIT B.

A copy of the Projected Operations 2005/06 is attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT C.

ITEM 3: FUNDING EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEDICATED SENSORY EVALUATION FACILITY

Dr. Arpaia is asking for funding of \$20,000 for equipment in the dedicated Sensory Evaluation Facility. A Sensory Evaluation Facility will be important as we develop new varieties for sensory screening prior to release.

MOTION: Rob Wedin moved to approve the funding upon the approval of J. Holt, Department Chair, Botany and Plant Sciences, University of California, Riverside, \$10,000 for 2004/05 and \$10,000 for 2005/06 will be disbursed. Roger Essick seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

A copy of the Letter to Ross Wileman, Chairman (AIC) is attached to these Minutes and identified as EXHIBIT D.

A copy of the Project Plan-Research Grant Proposal is attached to these Minutes and identified as EXHIBIT E.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wileman adjourned the Telephone Conference meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donella Boreham, Program Supervisor
Avocado Inspection Program
Inspection and Compliance
Inspection Services